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MEMORANDUM FOR

**Brigadier General Carey A. Randall, USMC (Ret.)
Military Assistant to
The Secretary of Defense**

The President has approved the draft memorandum you sent me a few days ago entitled "Coordination of Satellite and Space Vehicle Operations," with the remark "This now looks okay to me after conversation with Secretary McElroy."

The President said that he understands that the plan is one of assignment of a specific system to a single service on an "exclusive" basis, i. e., that the system will not be duplicated in other services. He further understands that space activities additional to those listed, if any, will be subject to specific assignment to a single service, and that advanced research and development leading to demonstration of operational feasibility will continue to be the responsibility of ARPA.

He also understands that these systems and activities are in the nature of support activities, as distinguished from systems of an operational nature more appropriate to control by unified or specified commands than by a service.

**A. J. Goodpaster
Brigadier General, USA
Staff Secretary**